Funds for National Highways

2990. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any allocation has been made under C.R.F. to States for the year 1997-98; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Report on BHU

2991. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any report 'Kulpati Ke Karname' from Students Union of BHU;

(b) if so, the main points therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) The report under question has been received very recently and is under examination.

[English]

Vayudoot Service

2992. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the State where Vayudoot service is under operation;

(b) the important cities and towns in those States connected by the Vayudoot services;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to extend Vayudoot service to Orissa;

(d) if so, whether the Government have a proposal to connect Anugul, Talcher and Dhenkanal under the Vayudoot map; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (e) Vayudoot is not operating in any State, since it was merged with Indian Airlines in 1993 as a separate division by name "Short Haul Operations Department" (SHOD). SHOD operates flights to Calcutta in West Bengal, Aizwal in Mizoram, Guwahati & Lilabari in Assam, Cochin/Trivandrum in Kerala and Agatti in Lakshadweep.

SHOD has, at present, no plans to extend its services. However, private operators are being encouraged to add more stations in their networks, subject to viability.

[Translation]

Shershah Suri National Highway

2993. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the historical Shershah Suri National Highway is in dilapidated condition;

(b) if not, the expenditure incurred thereon particularly on Bihar-Bengal Section during 1992-1997; and

(c) if a fixed amount has been shown each year under mainteanance head, whether the Government would get an enquiry conducted by the CBI into the expenditure incurred ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) National Highway No.2 is being maintained in traffic-worthy condition within available resources. Funds are allocated to the State in lumpsum and work-wise distribution thereof is left to the State dependding upon the priority, progress of work and to take care requirements of critical sections as per field conditions. The expenditure incurred during 1992-97 is given in the enclosed Statement,

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Expenditure incurred during 1992-97 for Development and Maintenance of National Highways in Bihar and West Bengal

Year	Bihar		West Bengal	
	Development work	Maintenance works	Development works	Maintenance works
		(Rs. in lakhs)		(Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5
1992-93	1385	1072.66	2230	1071.51